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AMENDMENT(S) TO THE DRAWINGS:

Kindly amend FIGS. 8 and 9 as follows and as shown in the attached annotated figures. Each attached sheet of such annotated figure(s) is titled "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes". Replacement figures that show the desired changes are attached, and each attached sheet of such replacement figure(s) is titled "Replacement Sheet".

In FIG. 8, kindly add reference numeral 821 to the lead lines without reference numerals in the bottom half of the drawing.

In FIG. 9, kindly add reference numeral 921 to the lead lines without reference numerals in the top left half of the drawing.

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REMARKS***Status of the Application:***

Claims 1-19 are the claims of record of the application. Claims 1-4, 8-13 and 17-19 have been rejected and claims 5-7 and 14-16 have been objected to and would be allowable if written in independent form.

Objections to, and Amendment to the Drawings

In paragraph 1 of the office action, the drawings were objected to. Applicants thank the Examiner for the observation and for the suggestions. Reference numeral 823 in Figure 8 was not described in the specification. Applicants have amended paragraph [0056] as suggested by the Examiner to change "723" to --823--. Similarly, "713" and "715" were changed to --813-- and --815-- respectively, as suggested by the Examiner.

In paragraph 2 of the office action, the drawings were objected to. In FIG. 8, there were several lead lines without any reference numeral attached. The reference numeral --815-- was added. Additionally, in FIG. 9, one of the left-hand occurrences of reference numeral 921 had no lead line associated with it. Such a lead line has now been added by amendment.

Applicants have amended the drawings as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objections raised by Examiner.

An *Appendix* including amended drawings is attached following the *Remarks/arguments*. New formal drawings are being submitted separately by mail with a separate letter.

Amendment to the Specification

Applicants have amended paragraph [0056] of the specification as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objections to the drawings raised by the Examiner. No new matter was added.

Applicants have amended the specification to correct typographical errors. No new matter is being added.

Claim Objections

In paragraph 3 of the office action, claims 1-9 and 14 were objected to because of the informalities. The Applicants thank the Examiner for noticing these and suggesting changes. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 7, and 14 to overcome each objection raised by Examiner.

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103

In paragraph 5 of the office action, claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 13, 17 and 19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Otsuji et al. (U.S. Patent 6,341,932).

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In paragraph 6 of the office action, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Seto et al. (US 4,878,799).

In paragraph 10 of the office action, claims 2, 9, 11, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rombult et al. (US 5,738,014) in view of Seto et al. (US 4,878,799).

In paragraph 11 of the office action, claims 5-7 and 14-16 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Purely in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims as follows so that the remaining claims all include material from one or more of claims 5-7 and 14-16 deemed to be allowable in combination with the rejected base claim and any rejected intervening claims.

In particular, Applicants have amended each of claims 5-7 and 14-16 to independent form, including all the limitations of the rejected base claim and any rejected intervening claims. Claims 1 and 10 are cancelled, any claims previously dependent on claim 1 have been amended to be dependent on claim 7, and any claims previously dependent on claim 10 have been made dependent on now independent claim 15.

All the remaining claims are therefore deemed by the Examiner to be allowable, or dependent on such a claim.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendment, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

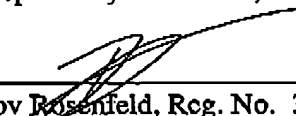
Conclusion

The claims after amendment are claims 2-9, and 11-19. These claims have been amended to a form deemed by the Examiner to be allowable, or dependent on such a claim. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would advance the prosecution and allowance of this application, an email message to the undersigned at dov@inventek.com, or a telephone call to the undersigned at +1-510-547-3378 is requested.

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